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Subject: US Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds

Concerns have been raised by the public about the safety of recycled tire crumb used in playing fields and playgrounds in the United States. Limited studies have not shown an elevated health risk from playing on fields with tire crumb, but the existing studies do not comprehensively evaluate the concerns about health risks from exposure to tire crumb. That's why, today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are launching a multi-agency **Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields** to study key environmental human health questions. This coordinated *Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds* includes outreach to key stakeholders, such as athletes and parents, and seeks to:

- Fill important data and knowledge gaps
- Characterize constituents of recycled tire crumb
- Identify ways in which people may be exposed to tire crumb based on their activities on the fields.

The Federal Research Action Plan includes numerous activities, including research studies. While additional research questions may require evaluation beyond this year, the information will help answer some of the key questions that have been raised. By late 2016, the agencies will release a draft status report that describes the findings and conclusions of the research through that point in time.

More information is available at: www.epa.gov/tirecrumb.

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